

ORDER NO. 88747

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
 OF BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC
 COMPANY FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS
 GAS BASE RATES.

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BEFORE THE
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9484

Issue Date: June 12, 2018

On June 8, 2018, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (“BGE” or “Company”) filed an application for approval by the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to adjust the Company’s gas base rates (“Application”). The Company also filed supporting testimony and exhibits, which included applicable revised retail rate schedules for its gas service. In its Application, the Company asks the Commission for authority to increase its Maryland distribution rates by \$85.0 million with the proposed rates going into effect on July 8, 2018.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 4-204 of the Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the Commission concludes that all of the proposed rates and charges should be suspended for a period of 150 days from July 8, 2018. The suspension period is necessary to provide the Commission with an opportunity to determine the justness and reasonableness of the proposed rates and charges.

A prehearing conference in this matter is hereby set for Tuesday July 10, 2018, in the Commission’s 16th Floor Hearing Room, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing

is to set a procedural schedule for this proceeding, consider any petitions to intervene that have been filed, and consider any other preliminary matters requested by the parties. Petitions to intervene shall be filed by 5 p.m., Friday, July 6, 2018. Furthermore, discovery commences immediately for BGE, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Office of People's Counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 12th day of June in the year Two Thousand Eighteen, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That proceedings as to the justness and reasonableness of the rates proposed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company are instituted by the Commission;

(2) That the proposed rates filed by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on June 8, 2018, are suspended for a period of 150 days from July 8, 2018.

(3) That discovery commences immediately for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Commission's Technical Staff, and the Office of People's Counsel.

(4) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is hereby directed to cause a display advertisement to be published in a newspaper(s) in general circulation throughout its service area at least two times prior to July 3, 2018, that includes a description of the matter on which the prehearing conference is being held and the time, date, place, and purpose of the prehearing conference scheduled for July 10, 2018. The notice shall also advise persons who seek to intervene in this proceeding that an original

and 17 copies, plus one electronic copy,¹ of any petition to intervene, shall be filed with Terry J Romine, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, by Friday, July 6, 2018;²

(5) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall file a proof of publication on or before the date of the prehearing conference;

(6) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company shall also place on its home page a notice of the prehearing conference and the date by which petitions to intervene in the matter must be filed in a manner that a customer need not click the link to determine the date, time, location, and purpose of the prehearing conference or the date by which a petition to intervene must be filed; and

(7) That Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is directed to employ any routinely used social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook, and any other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the prehearing conference, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Terry J. Romine

Terry J. Romine
Executive Secretary

¹ The Commission encourages parties to use the Commission's "e-file" system for filing the electronic copy. Details of the "e-file" system are on the Commission's web page, www.psc.state.md.us. Additionally, five paper copies of the petition shall be three-hole punched.

² Persons are reminded that if the "e-file" system is used, the original and required paper copies of the filing must be delivered to the Commission's docket room by noon, the next business day after the e-filing is made to retain the filing date of the e-filed document. In the event the paper copies are received after noon of the next business day, the date on which the paper copies are received becomes the official filing date.